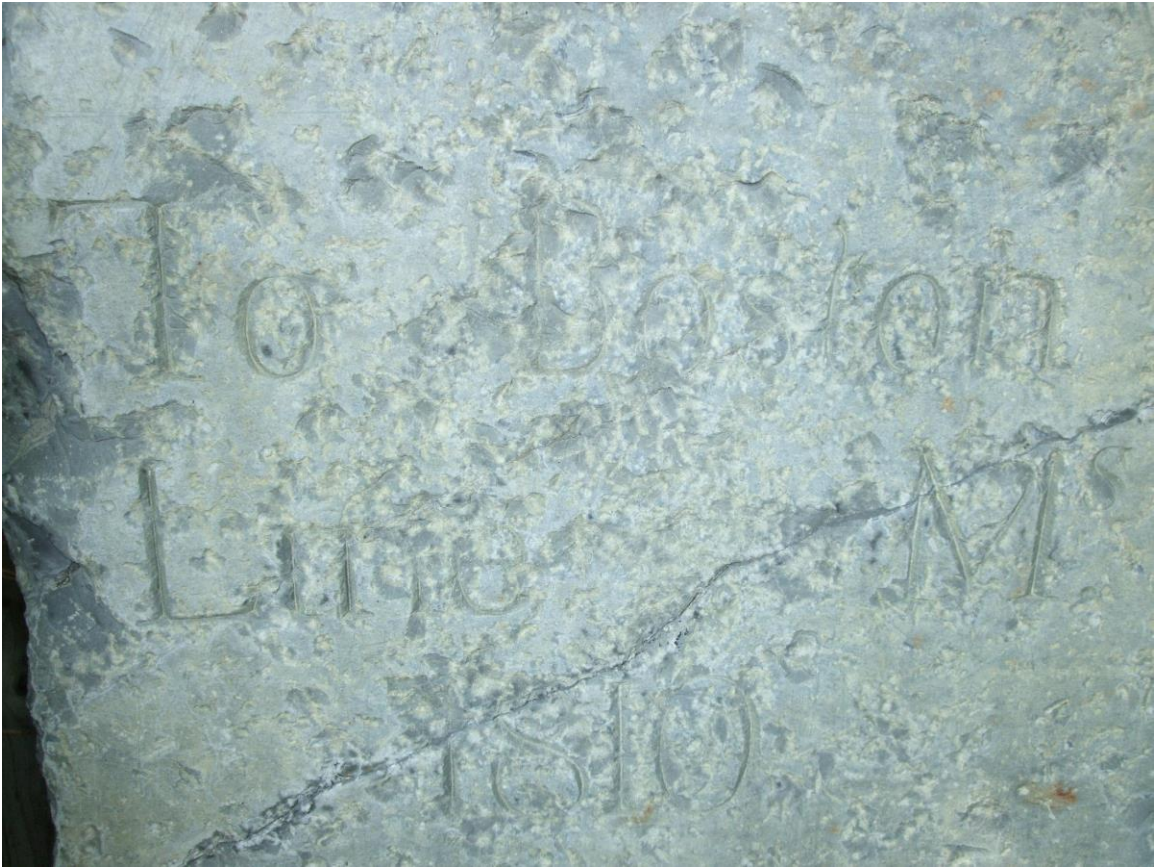


1810 Milestone Marker

This slate milestone once marked the 7th mile from Boston along the old Post Road. This road came into Newton at Newton Lower Falls, and went past the old Bourne Tavern in Auburndale, up what is now Woodward Street in Waban and Boylston Street in Newton Highlands, before finally terminating at Boston Neck near the Boston Line. A gate and toll keeper's booth were built at the site of a marsh and quicksand near Woodward Street to discourage travelers from bypassing the toll, a common problem of the era termed "shunpiking." Nonetheless, the turnpike proved unprofitable for its private investors and was eventually made into a public highway in 1833. This milestone would have stood on the south side of the road prior to the widening of Boylston St. in 1933 to create Route 9, at which time it was moved to its present site at the end of Hartford Street against a private residential fence, where it remains as the last of its kind. The weathered inscription reads:

*To Boston
Line 7 MI
1810*





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